

REMARKS

Claims 14-49 are pending in the application.

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographic errors noted when the specification was translated into English, and the claims have been revised to more clearly describe the invention. No new matter has been added.

Examination on the merits of the above patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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